

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

DYSON, INC.,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 06-654-GMS
)	
MAYTAG CORPORATION,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

SCHEDULING ORDER [PROPOSED]

This ____ day of _____, the Court having conducted a Rule 16 Scheduling Conference pursuant to Local Rule 16.2(b) on March 15, 2007, and the parties having determined after discussion that the matter cannot be resolved at this juncture by settlement, voluntary mediation or binding arbitration;

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. **Rule 26(a) Initial Disclosures.** The parties made their initial disclosures pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a) on February 20, 2007.
2. **Joinder of other Parties and Amendment of Pleadings.** All motions to join other parties and amend the pleadings shall be filed on or before March 29, 2007.
3. **Discovery.** All fact discovery in this case shall be initiated so that it will be completed on or before August 31, 2007. Expert discovery in this case shall be initiated so as to be completed on or before October 31, 2007. Opening expert reports on issues for which a party bears the burden of proof shall be served on or before September 15, 2007. Responsive expert reports shall be served on opposing counsel on or before September 30, 2007.

a. **Discovery and Scheduling Matters.** Should counsel find they are unable to resolve a discovery or scheduling matter, the party seeking the relief shall contact chambers at (302) 573-6470 to schedule a telephone conference. Not less than forty-eight hours prior to the conference, the parties shall file with the Court, via electronic means (CM/ECF), a joint, non-argumentative letter agenda not to exceed two (2) pages outlining the issue(s) in dispute. A sample letter can be located on this Court's website at www.ded.uscourts.gov. Should the Court find further briefing necessary upon conclusion of the telephone conference, unless otherwise directed, the party seeking relief shall file with the Court a **TWO PAGE LETTER**, exclusive of exhibits, describing the issues in contention. The responding party shall file within five (5) days from the date of service of the opening letter an answering letter of no more than **TWO PAGES**. The party seeking relief may then file a reply letter of no more than **TWO PAGES** within three (3) days from the date of service of the answering letter.

4. **Confidential Information and Papers filed under Seal.** Should counsel find it will be necessary to apply to the court for a protective order specifying terms and conditions for the disclosure of confidential information, they should confer and attempt to reach an agreement on a proposed form of order and submit it to the court within ten (10) days from the date of this order. When filing papers under seal, counsel should deliver to the Clerk an original and two copies of the papers.

If, after making a diligent effort, the parties are unable to agree on the contents of the joint, proposed protective order, then they shall follow the dispute resolution process outlined in paragraph 3(a).

5. **Settlement Conference.** Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636, this matter is referred to the United States Magistrate for the purpose of exploring the possibility of a settlement. If the

parties agree that the possibility of settlement may be enhanced by such referral, the parties shall contact United States Magistrate Judge Thyng to schedule a settlement conference with counsel and the clients.

6. **Case Dispositive Motions.** All case dispositive motions and an opening brief and affidavits, if any, in support of the motion shall be served and filed on or before September 30, 2007. Briefing will be presented pursuant to the court's Local Rules.

7. **Applications by Motion.** Except as provided in this Scheduling Order or for matters relating to scheduling, any application to the Court shall be by written motion filed via electronic means (CM/ECF). Unless otherwise requested by the Court, counsel shall **not** deliver copies of papers or correspondence to Chambers. Any non-dispositive motion should contain the statement required by Local Rule 7.1.1. Any request for extensions of time as set forth in this Scheduling Order **must** be accompanied by an explanation or your request will be denied.

8. **Oral Argument.** If the Court believes that oral argument is necessary, the Court will schedule a hearing pursuant to Local Rule 7.1.4.

9. **Pretrial Conference.** On November 20, 2007, beginning at 1:00 p.m, the Court will hold a Pretrial Conference in Chambers with counsel. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the parties should assume that filing the Joint Pretrial Order satisfies the pretrial disclosure requirement in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3). A sample form of Pretrial Order can be located on this court's website at www.ded.uscourts.gov. Thirty (30) days before the Joint Proposed Pretrial Order is due, plaintiff's counsel shall forward to defendant's counsel a draft of the pretrial order containing the information plaintiff proposes to include in the draft. Defendant's counsel shall, in turn, provide to plaintiff's counsel any comments on the plaintiff's draft as well as the information defendant proposes to include in the proposed pretrial order.

10. **Motions in Limine.** No party shall file more than five (5) motions in limine. Opening briefs on motions in limine shall be served and filed on or before November 6, 2007. Answering briefs shall be served and filed on or before November 12, 2007. Reply briefs shall be served and filed on or before November 14, 2007. Opening and answering briefs shall not exceed five (5) pages and reply briefs shall not exceed three (3) pages. The parties shall file with the court the **joint** proposed final pretrial order with the information required by the form of Final Pretrial Order which can be located on this court's website at www.ded.uscourts.gov on or before November 14, 2007.

11. **Trial.** This matter is scheduled for a five (5) day jury trial beginning at 9:00 a.m. on December 3, 2007.

12. **Scheduling.** The parties shall contact Chambers, at (302) 573-6470, only in situations where scheduling relief is sought, and only then when ALL participating counsel are on the line for purposes of selecting a new date.

United States District Judge